GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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ASSISTANCE TO DISABLED
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes of the Government to provide assistance to disabled persons;

(b) the funds allocated for this purpose in the budget 2002-2003;

(c) the amount of funds utilized out of this till date; and

(d) the amount of funds earmarked for hilly, backward and bordering States specially Himachal Pradesh and the amount disbursed out of it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) A number of schemes and programmes are being implemented for education, training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities through the National Institutes, Composite Rehabilitation Centres, Regional Rehabilitation Centresand District Disability Rehabilitation Centres. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are also assisted under the scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities (Umbrella Scheme) and Assistance to Disabled forPurchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP). Soft loans are also provided by National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) for self- employment ventures.

(b) & (c) Rs. 136.30 crore has been released so far out of the total budget allocation of Rs.237.33 crores for 2002-2003.

(d) Funds are not allocated State-wise.